



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:00pm. All members were present, so there was a quorum.

- **Presentation by the Atlanta Regional Commission Neighborhood Nexus Program**

The meeting began with a PowerPoint presentation by Mr. Jim Skinner from Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and Ms. Bernita Smith, Director of Neighborhood Nexus Program. After the presentation of an extensive overview on ARC and its Nexus Program, City Councilmembers asked questions and added

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comments. The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked Mr. Skinner and Ms. Smith for the information provided and welcomed additional information as the City of South Fulton continues to grow.

- **Presentation on the Secondary Effects of Adult Entertainment Establishments – City Attorney**

Ms. Kimberly Anderson, legal counsel, gave a presentation on sexually oriented businesses and how surrounding cities have dealt with the issue. She included information on Fulton County's restrictions and license requirements and the city regulations and requirements, in reference to sexually oriented/adult entertainment businesses.

Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers asked Ms. Anderson questions and then added comments. A thank you was given to Ms. Anderson for her presentation from the Mayor and Council.

- **Executive Session, if necessary**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to conduct a closed Executive Session regarding Personnel and Litigation. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The Executive Session began at 6:06pm and ended at 7:00pm.

IN OPEN SESSION:

The City Clerk announced that there was no action taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Willis to close the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.



DIVIDER SHEET



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:03pm.
Following the roll call, all members were present.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren T. Henry.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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4. Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - a. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 10, 2017
 - b. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 17, 2017
 - c. Proclamation recognizing Bishop Richard B. Lankford, Sr. Appreciation Day **(Edwards)**
 - d. Proclamation recognizing Mr. Koya Olateru-Olagbegi Appreciation Day **(Edwards)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to approve/accept the consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to approve/accept the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

6. Proclamations and Recognitions
 - a. Proclamation recognizing Twisted Sisters Book Club Appreciation Day **(Edwards)**

Mayor Edwards presented a Proclamation in recognition of the Twisted Sisters Book Club appreciation Day.

The Mayor recognized Ms. Kimberly Dove of the Fulton County Board of Education who is the Representative for the City of South Fulton.

7. Public Comment
 - a. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each and public comment will not exceed 30 minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers.

The following eight (8) Citizens offered public comment:

- **Mr. Mike Reuss representing the HOA of Cedar Grove, expressed concern about Fire Department repairs and**

about the New City and how he campaigned for its existence.

- Ms. Juliette Rankins heard the Mayor is okay with warehouses, she opposes. She heard Mayor Pro Tem Rowell agreed with joining Select Fulton, she disagrees. Doesn't want the City to go into debt by floating Bonds for Parks & Recreation.
- Ms. Damita Chatman fought for the City and wants it to get on one accord. Res2017-046, Hire a City Manager, watched video, Council should follow process for removing Interim City Manager. Commended Josh, Interim City Attorney, for fighting on behalf of South Fulton becoming a City.
- Mr. Marcus Coleman with respect to an Ordinance dealing with marijuana possession, the City should adopt a decriminalization Ordinance. The City should go the extra mile to respond to persons that offer public comment and speak at the meetings.
- Ms. Glenda Collins new law passed in Atlanta reducing fines for marijuana use, she asked how does that effect our Courts in the City of South Fulton and she hopes the new Police Chief will help to reduce crime.
- Mr. David Williams thanked Councilmembers Gumbs and Baker for getting back to him in a timely manner. Feel use of marijuana is a crime. Councilmembers ran their campaigns on transparency – are you giving 100% of what you promised.
- Mr. Antonio Steele a small business owner, bothered by Councilmembers lack of harmony.
- Ms. Charlean Parks concerned with security in South Fulton and the police response time of 3 hours. There is a need to follow-up on businesses that are boarded up.

8. Business

a. Resolutions

- i. Resolution to establish a policy relating to budgetary controls for members of the City Council. **(Jackson – Res2017-063)**

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- ii. Resolution to establish a policy relating to budgetary controls for members of the City Council. **(Baker – Res2017-064)**

Councilmember Baker (with agreement by Councilmember Jackson) removed/withdrew Resolutions Res2017-063 and Res2017-064.

- iii. Resolution to amend the “OpenGov” Program relating to transparency and routine reporting of revenues, operations and expenditures of each City Department by the fifteenth of each month for the preceding month. **(Jackson – Res2017-065)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson to add co-sponsors Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmember Gumbs and to change item #3 to “the City Manager” and “monthly”. The motion was not seconded; therefore the motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve/accept Res2017-065 as amended, changing Item #3 to read “the City Manager”, instead of the Finance Director. Councilmembers Jackson and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Willis, Gumbs and Gilyard voted no. The motion failed, 2-4-0. Councilmember khalid was away from the dais.

- iv. Resolution imposing an additional 30-day moratorium on the issuance of all alcohol licensing permits for age-restricted establishments within the City of South Fulton. **(Res2017-066)**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve/accept Res2017-066 as amended, changing the last ‘Whereas’ clause to read additional 30 days; Section 5 to read on or after October 30, 2017; change Section 6 to read at midnight on October 30, 2017 and end upon 30 days expiration; and

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change Section 8 to read become effective on October 30, 2017. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- v. Resolution authorizing contract for encroachment to construct small pipeline at Williams Road right of way; and for other purposes. **(Res2017-067)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to approve/accept Res2017-067 as amended, changing Paragraph 1, line 5 to read ‘pipeline as generally set forth’. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

b. Ordinances

- i. **[SECOND READING]** Amendment to Ordinance 2017-018. Ordinance to Amend Title 8 of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, to add Sec. 8-1014., regarding the duties and authority of police officers. **(Ord2017-026)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember khalid to approve Ord2017-026. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- ii. **[SECOND READING]** Amendment to Ordinance 2017-018. Ordinance to Amend Title 8 of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, to add Secs. 8-1010-11., regarding ATVs and Off-Road vehicles **(Willis and Rowell – Ord2017-027)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve/accept Ord2017-026 as amended. A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember khalid to use fines that are collected to create an ATV park. Councilmember Willis did not accept the friendly amendment. A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Baker to amend Sec.8-1011. – Penalties for violations of Sec.8-1010 (a) to read ‘the amount of \$500.00’ and (b) to read ‘the amount of \$750.00’. Councilmember Willis accepted the friendly amendment. A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to add the effective date of November 1, 2017.

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Councilmember Willis accepted the friendly amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and Baker voted yea. Councilmember khalid voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-1-0.

- iii. **[FIRST READING]** An Ordinance, granting to Atlanta Gas Light Company, A Georgia Corporation, hereinafter designated as “Company”, its successors and assigns, the right and franchise to use and occupy the streets, avenues, roads, public highways, alleys, lanes, ways, parks, and other public places of the City of South Fulton, Georgia, for constructing, maintaining, renewing, repairing, and operating a gas works and gas distribution system, and other necessary means for manufacturing, transmitting, distributing and selling of manufactured, natural or commingled gas within and through the City of South Fulton, Georgia; and fixing the terms and conditions of such grant; to provide provisions governing the franchise fee calculation; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. **(Ord2017-028)**

As a first reading, Ms. Kimberly Anderson, legal counsel, indicated that the effective date will be May 1, 2018, and the fees will be established by the Public Service Commission.

- iv. **[FIRST READING]** An Ordinance to establish procedures to provide preference to City of South Fulton businesses in competitive sealed bidding for City services. **(Rowell – Ord2017-029)**

Mayor Pro Tem Rowell expressed concern as to how much the percentage would be for the franchise fees and how they could be passed on to the customers. This can be discussed when the Ordinance comes before Council again.

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- v. **[FIRST READING]** Amendment to Ordinance No. 2017-012 – Addressing the jurisdiction of the Code Enforcement Board. **(Ord2017-030)**

9. City Manager's Weekly Update

Interim City Manager Jones indicated that the Solid Waste/Recycling "RFP" is posted to the web site.

There will be a Special Called Meeting next Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 7:00pm. Agenda items will be: TAN Resolution approval; a discussion of the transition; the Courts MOU; and an Ethics item from the Interim City Attorney.

The renewal process for business licenses is being prepared for a mailing.

The draft copy of the Employee Handbook was handed out and any questions or comments should be directed to the Human Resources Department.

Interim City Manager is working to remove the zoning moratorium; the consultant from the web site met with staff this week to work on the City web site and the meetings will continue next week to get all information department information loaded on the web site; Zero360/First Class will have presentations for Council on Friday, October 27 to continue the branding training; and Departments have submitted their information and hopefully the 2018 Budget Books will be ready by the first of the year.

It was noted that transitioning the Park & Recreation Departments, including their equipment, included uniforms, park signs and their vehicles will need logos. All will be taken care of during the transition period. There is currently a contract with a uniform company and we have an agreement with Quik-Trip for gasoline for the cars. A meeting with the Parks Department is scheduled this week to further discuss all details.

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Staff met with Fulton County yesterday on reconciliation and the next invoice should be a reduced amount. An up-date on this amount was requested for next Tuesday's meeting.

~~10. Mayor and City Council Comments (Two minutes each)~~

10. Executive Session, if necessary.

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to conduct a closed Executive Session regarding Personnel. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The Executive Session began at 8:43pm and ended at 9:27pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Willis to close the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

IN OPEN SESSION:

The City Clerk announced that there was one (1) action item taken in Executive Session. The Resignation of Interim City Manager Ruth Jones, was accepted, effective October 24, 2017. Councilmembers Gumbs, Gilyard, Jackson, Baker and khalid voted yea, Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmember Willis voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 5-2-0.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34pm